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FROM: USCINCEUR PARIS FRANCE

TO: SEC DEF WASH DC

INFO: CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY, CGUSCOB BERLIN
GERMANY, USAMBASSADOR BONN GERMANY, USNMR PARIS FRANCE

NR: EC 9-6071

152348Z NOV 58

TO MCELROY AND TWINING FROM NORSTAD.

Refs: A. USCOB 150035Z dtd 15 Nov 1958

B. SX 7679, dtd 15 Nov 58.

C. SX 7691, dtd 15 Nov 58. (Quoted herein)

This msg in 2 parts.

Part 1: Ref C received from Hodes at 15TB04Z Nov

1958 reads as follows:

"1. Refs: A. USCOB TOO 150035Z Nov 58.

B. SX 7679.

2. In view of the strong protest today ref B and the necessity for allowing for reaction time, we have deferred sending this operational convoy back today. However, unless we are willing to accept a voluntary blockade, accede to inspection or undergo a period of detention with unacceptable political and military consequences, the Soviet Intentions must be tested. When tested, if detention occurs, we should be prepared to recover our men and equipment by force.

3. This headquarters intends to direct US Commandant Berlin to dispatch a normal convoy Berlin-Helmstadt in the near future, timing and complement to be determined by USCOB. Request authority for USCOB to extricate US military personnel and equipment by the minimum force necessary if Soviets detain and prompt protest does not effect early release.

4. For your information, Burns (USCOB POLAD) informed by Major Shilov (Soviet counterpart), last night at the

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time of informing Burns of release of vehicles to return to Berlin, that detention due to failure to comply with procedures. Soviet right of inspection established by Commander in Chief Soviet Forces and Soviet will continue exercise right of inspection. Major Shilov stated only difficulties with US authorities; no difficulties this respect between British, French and Soviet.

USAREUR comment: This latter statement is incorrect since it is tripartite agreed that inspection of vehicles will not be permitted."

Part II. I concur with para 3, ref C, that we must react within 4 or 5 days of the 14 Nov incident. Unless otherwise directed by you I propose to inform Hodes at 181200Z Nov that I wish him to proceed to carry out para 3, ref C quoted above.

NOTE: 7679 is DA IN 169888 (15 Nov 58) DCSOP
150035Z is DA IN 169899 (15 Nov. 58) DCSOP
OTHER REF NOT IDENTIFIED

ACTION: OSD

INFO: CJCS

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